

2022 Ambassadors Football Summer Experience Info Sheet

Mission Trip Overview

It's called "Summer Experience", and for 30 years it has been a life-changing event for young men and women world-wide. This five-week missions trip provides opportunities for churches to reach their communities through the coaches who join us each summer. These coaches are challenged in their faith as they lead young people to know about Christ through the sport they love. Truly, it's a mission trip like no other.

Summer Experience begins in Cleveland, Ohio with a four-day training week followed by four weeks of coaching at multiple camps throughout the USA. The week of training includes worship, prayer, biblical teaching, great fellowship and lots of soccer with people from around the world. We prepare coaches for a month of outreach. Each coach receives a full kit. Housing, meals and in-country transportation are also provided.

Our coaches then travel in teams to various churches near Cleveland, Ohio or in other parts of the USA. Most camps involve a 5-day program that begins at 8 AM and ends at 3:30 PM. Some evenings may involve a church sponsored event, an Ambassadors activity or time with host families.

Camps Ministry Philosophy

At every Ambassadors Camp, it is our goal to:

- Offer quality soccer instruction while encouraging a positive and loving Christian environment. Each coach can demonstrate the love of Christ at these camps, making these camps different from secular programs.
- Challenge and present children with the opportunity to put their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The camp includes Bible times, testimonies and assemblies that clearly present the Good News
- Have fun! We desire that the soccer camp is a positive experience for the children, their families and coaches

2022 Dates

Our 2022 Summer Experience runs from Tuesday, June 28 – through Sunday, July 31. Our first session starts at 8:15 am on the 28th. Therefore, coaches are required to arrive in Cleveland sooner, preferably between Saturday, June 25 and through Monday, June 27. You are dismissed to leave the tour after Sunday, July 31, but must leave no later than Tuesday, August 2.

Costs

- The cost of the tour is \$300.00 (US Dollars). The fee does NOT include transportation to and from Cleveland, Ohio. Coaches must provide their own transportation to Cleveland and back home. At the end of this mission trip, most coaches will not return home from Cleveland, but will need to book flights from the city of the last camp on their tour. Ambassadors will communicate with coaches as soon as possible about which tour they will serve, so they can properly book return flights from the city of the camp at the end of their tour.
- The fee does NOT include travel/health insurance required for each coach. Coaches must have travel/health insurance, or they cannot be part of this mission trip. Ambassadors will send links to accepted coaches, connecting them to companies that provide this type of insurance if any coach does not have insurance already.
- FYI: The coach's tour fee helps cover the cost of a full kit, air and ground transportation in the States, along with food, lodging, tour equipment and other materials. It also includes the four-day training course where coaches receive soccer-related instruction and the preparation needed for the summer and beyond.
- Refunds – If a coach is accepted but needs to cancel, he or she can be refunded \$200.00, with \$100.00 staying with the mission. No refunds will be issued after May 1, 2022, except for extreme emergency.

COVID-19 and Summer Experience

The realities of COVID-19 and the challenges that the world has faced needs to be addressed. In spite of the pandemic, we are moving forward with the Summer Experience soccer tours but have to put in place several guidelines that all summer coaches have to understand and engage. Please carefully read these below:

1. Coaches who are accepted for 2022 need to test negative for this virus within 72 hours of arriving in the United States. USA-based coaches who are already living in the States also need to test negative for the virus within 72 hours of arriving in Cleveland. You are not allowed to come to Summer Experience if you have a positive test for this virus. You also must show that you have a negative covid test upon arriving in Cleveland. Regrettably, if you do not have negative test results upon arrival, you will not be allowed to participate in Summer Experience and will need to return home at your expense.
2. If you are accepted, we strongly suggest that you purchase flight tickets that will allow you to cancel your flight if you cannot join us due to a positive coronavirus test.
3. All coaches will need to carefully follow all rules and instructions about safe COVID-19 practice that Ambassadors Football and our partnering churches create for the care and safety of all campers, host families, coaches and any others who interact with Ambassadors Football tour members during the summer of ministry.

How To Apply

1. Complete the online application on our website (<https://us.ambassadorsfootball.org/camps/coaches/> Go to the bottom of that page for this link.)
2. Pastor and personal character references are needed. Copy and paste the links to the online reference forms and email them to your pastor and one other person of your choice. They will use this link to complete the reference form online.
3. Pay the \$300.00 coaches tour fee online. A link to the online payment process will be sent to pay with a credit card. If you prefer to pay by check, please send them to *Ambassadors Football, P.O. Box 847, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087*.
4. Once the on-line application and references are completed and received, we will review them and send a follow-up letter.
5. If accepted, and if the \$300.00 fee is paid, a Coach Tour Packet will be emailed. This email includes the Coaches Manual, packing list, policies, etc., and is vital for understanding all the information needed for the trip. No packet will be sent until the fee is paid in full. The documents sent to coaches are required reading and must be completed *before coming to Cleveland* for the tour.
6. An Ambassadors staff member will be in contact with applicants throughout this process to assist, answer questions and offer prayer. Later, in the Spring of 2022, a tour director will also be in contact with the coaches on his/her tour to help prepare them for the ministry phase of the summer tour.

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